



Hyde School Opens With 54 Students

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BATH — The Hyde School began operations Sunday with a capacity enrollment of 54 boarding students and announced an expansion program.

The 12-man board of trustees, headed by T. Thayer Schullien of Woolwich, plans a seven-year expansion program that will begin this fall with the breaking of ground for the school's athletic fields.

The school will break ground in December for a new 40-boy dormitory that fits into the school's expansion plans for an ultimate boarding enrollment of 200 students in 1972.

In addition, the school will add 12 day students in 1967, aiming to an eventual day enrollment of 50 in 1972. The day department is co-educational but will accept more girls than boys.

MASSACHUSETTS HAS the largest representation of the incoming classes with 19. Maine is well represented with seven candidates followed by New York with six and Connecticut with five.

While a majority of the candidates come from the Eastern seaboard, other students are from Lexington, Ky.; Chicago, Ill.; San Valley, Idaho; and San Diego, Calif.

The Caribbean is well represented with candidates from Jamaica, Nassau and Oahu, Hawaii.

The school has a philosophy that centers itself around the development of character.

"We believe there is a great need for more emphasis upon what the individual is rather than just what he knows," reports headmaster Joseph W. Gould.

"We believe there is a need to re-examine the qualities of the men that built this country and we are prepared to be judged by courage, integrity, concern for others, curiosity and leadership for our students," he adds.

THE SCHOOL PUTS a great deal of emphasis on the student's role in the school.

Not only do students participate in all phases of extra-curricular activities, including required athletics, but they have an active part in student government through the use of a peer review system as well as an honor system.

The students also will participate in such areas as administration in the establishment of the curriculum itself.

The curriculum is college preparatory, with an unusual emphasis upon liberal arts training.

While the school has experienced faculty — all members have at least master's degrees in their fields with an average of 10 years experience — it makes good use of talent within the reach of the school.

THE ENTIRE SCHOOL participates in a humanities course which is required for graduation. The course, comprised of music, art, religion and philosophy, is taught four times a week by members of the Bowdoin College staff.

The school further plans to pioneer work in the field of public speaking. William Cove of Wiscasset, nationally known lecturer and sales consultant, will work with the entire student body on a weekly basis.

Hyde will begin an ambitious first-year undertaking in athletics with varsity teams in both football and cross-country. The football team will compete with varsity squads from Wells High School and Bowdoin Academy as well as North Yarmouth Academy.

In addition, home games are scheduled with the junior varsity teams of Phillips Exeter Academy and New Hampton School. The cross-country team expects to be led by Phil Newell of Cape Elizabeth who won the Lakes Region Preparatory School Championship last year.

OTHER MAINE STUDENTS in addition to Newell are Charles C. Bonz, Bath; Paul W. Hurd II, Scarborough; and Timothy A. Williams, all of Bath; Jonathan W. Nolan, Portland; Richard L. Eusey, Scarborough; Richard M. Twaddle, Van Buren; and Ross W. Green Jr., West, Auburn.

The school is operating on the "Elmhurst" estate left the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults Inc. by the Hyde family in the late 1840s.

The Society sold the property to the Hyde School last spring and moved into new quarters on Front Street here.

In addition to the main building which includes a full-size indoor swimming pool, the property includes a large tract of land and several outside buildings.

The school has carried out an extensive renovation and modernization program to ready the facilities for classes.

Opening Day

Students and faculty of the Hyde School at Bath stand outside the main building on the "Elmhurst" estate during opening day Sunday. The school became the first independent school to open its doors to students in Maine in the 20th century when it began operations with a capacity enrollment of 54 boarding students. (By District Correspondent Dave Swearingen)